

MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

1. Make a copy of the text and exercises for all the pupils.
2. Make sure that you can play the song for exercise 3.

Reading strategy: clarifying

Language: listening

Method:

To give the pupils the opportunity to talk about the text and the exercises, it is best to let them work in pairs or threes.

1.

MAKE A WORD WEB

Talk with the pupils about what they associate with Christmas. How do they celebrate it at home, if they do so? How does school celebrate Christmas? What are Christmas traditions? Do the pupils know the English words? If necessary, translate words and make a word web on the white board with all sorts of English words that have to do with Christmas.

2.

READ THE TEXT AND FIND THE MEANING OF UNKNOWN WORDS

Read the explanation with the pupils, before they read the text. Then, hand out the text and read it aloud first. The pupils read along with you. After that, the pupils read the text together. They underline unknown words and try to find out the meaning of those words. They can use a dictionary as well. They write down the meaning of the words too. If you have pupils in your class who speak another mother language than Dutch, they can translate the words into their own language too, if they like. Let the pupils study the words at home.

wonderful (line 2) = prachtig, mooi

important (line 3) = belangrijk

religious (line 5) = religieus, te maken hebbend met het geloof

the birth (line 7) = de geboorte

the stocking (line 10) = de sok of kous

the Christmas carol (line 10) = het kerstlied

to decorate (line 12) = versieren

Germany (line 13) = Duitsland

to celebrate (line 17) = vieren

the eve (line 20) = de (voor)avond

the church (line 21) = de kerk

3.

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

The pupils answer the questions about the text verbally in pairs or threes. They write down some key words, to remember their answers. Discuss the answers in class:

Why is Christmas a wonderful time of year? – Because the traditions make you feel good.

What is religious about Christmas? – The story of the birth of Jesus.

What is non-religious about Christmas? - The Christmas tree, Christmas cards, hanging stockings, singing Christmas carols.

When did the tradition of decorating a Christmas tree move to America and England? – In the 1800's.

Where can you find the world's tallest Christmas tree? – In Dortmund, Germany.

Which country has a holiday called Boxing Day? – England



ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS (EXTRA)

Play the song *All I Want for Christmas Is You*, by Mariah Carey:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXOViqx6GMY> (3:54), or from Spotify.

The pupils listen to it and choose the right words.

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS YOU – MARIAH CAREY

I don't want a lot for Christmas

There is just one thing I **need**

I don't care about the **presents**

Underneath the Christmas tree

I just want you for my own

More than you could ever know

Make my **wish** come true oh

All I want for Christmas is you

I don't want a lot for Christmas

There is just one thing I **need**, and I

Don't care about the **presents**

Underneath the Christmas tree

I don't need to hang my **stocking**

There upon the fireplace

Santa Claus won't make me happy

With a **toy** on Christmas day

I just want you for my own

More than you could ever know

Make my **wish** come true

All I want for Christmas is you

I won't ask for much this Christmas

I won't even wish for **snow**, and I

I just wanna keep on **waiting**

Underneath the mistletoe

I won't make a list and send it

To the North Pole for Saint Nick

I won't even stay awake

To hear those **magic** reindeer click

'Cause I just want you here tonight

Holding on to me so tight

What more can I do

Oh, Baby all I want for Christmas is you

All the lights are **shining**

So brightly everywhere

And the sound of children's

Laughter fills the **air**

And everyone is singing

I hear those sleigh bells ringing

Santa won't you bring me

The one I really need

Won't you please bring my baby to me quickly

I don't want a lot for Christmas

This is all I'm asking for

I just wanna see my baby

Standing right outside my door

I just want you for my own

More than you could ever know

Make my **wish** come true

Baby all I want for Christmas is you

All I want for Christmas is you, **baby**